POSTAL MYSTERIES.

Curious Cases Unearthed by an Inspector

for the Department. Comfortably seated in his private office, Chief Post Office Inspector Edgarton told an Inquirer reporter some of his many strange experiences during nineteen years of service in charge of various postal districts. "Do you know," said he, "there seems to be an epidemic of obscene letter writing, from five to six complaints being made daily? This is unusual, and does not speak very highly for the morals of the great number of people engaged in these unlawful practices. The suicide of the beautiful girl, Jessie White, of Joliet, Ill., recalls a similar case I had when in Cincinnati.

"A wealthy, respectable and very good-looking woman, the wife of a prominent man in politics and business, was for a long time the recipient of scurrilous postal cards. From motives of delicacy she did not put the matter into the hands of the postal authorities until she was driven nearly crazy by

"She came to me bringing a large

bundle of eards, and hysterically told me how she had received two or three daily. She did not suspect any one, and I was obliged to go to work without a blazed up, the hoods of the assemblage clue. Watch was kept upon the street boxes, but, as the cards were dropped everywhere, this method proved unsuccessful. Her husband paid many visits to the office and begged me 'for God's sake to try and discover the writer.' I do not remember exactly how, but suspicon finally fastened upon the husband himself and I went to work on that basis. After careful investigation I discovered that my suspicions were correct. The wretch had been writing them himself. He had become infatuated with some woman and desired to get rid of his wife. Knowing her sensitive nature he thought by this method to drive her either insane or to suicide. For some time I said nothing, but worked on, listening to the husband's hypocritical complaints. When I had every thing ready I sent for this model husband and told him plainly what I had discovered. He was enraged, but when I related the story of his misdoings he became frightened and promised to do whatever I told him. For his wife's sake I did not arrest him, but, keeping the postals, I told him to go, and to remember that a repetition of the offense would lead to his punishment. When the wife called I told her that she would

"I had the pleasure of settling another case in St. Louis, but in this instance the shoe was on the other foot. A noted criminal lawver came to me and told me that he had reason to believe that his wife was carrying on an illicit correspondence, through the medium of a private box in the post-office, with a notorious rough in that city. I. of course, investigated, and found that his suspicions were correct. They both had lock boxes, and when he came to get his business mail he would also remove this woman's letters from the other box. I sent a note to her advising her to call at my office. She came, not without trepidation, fondly imagining that none knew of her guilt. In a haughty manner she asked my business. I told her, without any attempt to veneer it with soft words. She declared herself in- THE BLADE TOUCHED THE BAKED BREAST sulted and said she would tell her husband. I told her to be seated, that her husband had instituted the inquiry, and then advised her to drop the correspondence, as she was standing on the lute manner of living. She became frightened and promised to stop, and as an assurance of her good faith gave me the key to her box. I sent for her husband and told him that he was mistaken, that his wife was not corresponding with any one, except by the regular course of the mails. This, of course, was a lie by implication, but justified.

many women will never complain.

"Speaking of St. Louis reminds me was indefatigable in his efforts to assist time the Kentucky lottery was in full blast, and whole batches of Louisville mail was disappearing, most of them with remittances to the lottery. This clerk was so deep in our confidence that we told him to keep a sharp lookout for the thief. In a few days he said that they must be taken by the drivers of the mail wagons who came into the cars to get warm. I then made a perdrivers. Suspicion then turned upon the cierk, and sure enough I found he had been the thief. He was arrested postal service which cause one to won- murderer in the list of blood-stained der if the good really exists in man."-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Progress in Surgery.

Some remarkable achievements in surgery are reported from Berlin. At the surgical congress, Prof. Gluck demonstrated the successful substitution of catgut, ivory and bone freed from chalk, for defects in bones, muscles and nervous sinews. The juices of the body are sucked up in the inserted material, thereby establishing the junction of the separated ends, without any shortening of the part. He presented the cases of patients in whom there had been an insertion of from six to ten centimeters of catgut to supply defects in the leaders of the hands, to which complete mobility had been restored. In the case of another patient Prof. Gluck removed a tumor from the thigh, causing a considerable defect in the bone. He inserted ivory, and no shortening ensued. In another case he removed a large piece of nerve in the groin and inserted catgut, and the functions remained completely satisfactory.-Chicago Herald.

-During clear days people of Carthage, Ill., have distinctly heard the ringing of a ponderous church bell at Golden, twenty-eight miles away. The bell hangs in the German Lutheran Church tower at Golden, and it requires

two men to ring it. -A natural curiosity in the shape of a hip bone of a mastodon, weighing perhaps fifty pounds, was found at Alachua, Fla., a few days ago.

THE Mandarin's Daughter.

BY WONG CHIN FOO.

CHAPTER VI.-CONTINUED.

"You are looking beyond the earth. There is death behind you," came the voice from the vellow robe. "Drink!" and the dreadful cup came just a trifle

Death! and there was so much to live for-Li Khi; the competition, her pacents. If she died there, no one would ever know her fate. The compressed lips parted just a trifle and the small, shapely head leaned forward with an almost imperceptible movement. The sup came closer. She hesitated to think.

"Death!" said a voice behind her.

"Drink!" came from the robe. The words were all that broke the tomb-like stillness of the chamber save the breathing of the girl. She would drink, then perhaps the awful ceremony would be ended.

The full, round lips kissed the cold edge of the cup. The hand which held it tilted it just a little, and the blood of the lead and the lips of the living met. The liquid stained the crimson lips with a shameless red, the stain crept into the white teeth and trickled down her throat. She shuddered and felt as if the blood of the dead had palsied her limbs. She choked, gasped and strug-

Suddenly the cup was removed, a murmur went through the throng, lights were thrown back and the faces of the band were revealed.

rled for air.

The figure in the robe of yellow advanced, and, extending his hand, lifted Sho Mai to her feet. She still held the sword which had been given her.

"Brother," said the man, "there is but one thing more for you to do. Many have lacked the necessary courage to face this last ordeal, and so have lost their lives. When I have finished no word of encouragement will be given you. You must do as you are instructed.

"Death by the sword of the pirate clan," chanted the assemblage.

"You hear," continued the speaker "Now act, and may you prove yourself worthy the name and sword of a Toyhai." Then addressing two men who stood on the opposite side of the chamber: "You know your duty."

At this the two pulled back the folds of a double curtain, which concealed an alcove in the wall which was lighted even more brightly than the chamber itself. Against the rear wall of the alcove stood a man perfectly erect. A thin band of steel held his head in position, and bands of like metal encircled his neck, waist, ankles and wrists. His receive no more scurrilous missives. feet were well apart. Such a look of hands were stretched well out and his only to be avoided. There are plenty of such cases, but



OF THE TRAITOR.

rolled round and round in their sockets as if they had never known restor quiet: the lips twitched and trembled, and a brink of disgrace and ruin, and all for spot of blood on the nether lip marked the sake of a man noted for his disso- the place where a tooth had penetrated the flesh, while the hands alternately

clenched themselves and unfolded. "There is a traitrous heart, if ever one beat in the bosom of a man. He is not fit to live. My brother, do you find out his vital spot with that true and thriceblessed blade and show how a Toyhai treats the enemies of Kwan Dah."

The mixture of the wine and blood it sent him away a happy man, and I the girl had drank seemed to have filled believe in such an instance the lie was her with fire, and her blood went coursing so quickly through the veins that when the speaker had finished she Shall I speak?" of another curious case. We had a man | could almost hear it surging to and fro. there, the chief registering clerk, who Her cheeks were aflame, and her heart! beat with painful violence. She knew in detecting postal thieves. At that what was required of her. She must take a human life, but such was the wild excitement which now controlled would permit, "that I sailed not long endless course. her that she had less horror in contemplating this act than she had before in

drinking the blood and wine. She stepped forward, with the weapon pointed toward the trembling wretch. It was within an inch of his breast. The blood surging to her brain dazed her. She wavered backward and forward. sonal investigation, but could find no and as the condemned traiter saw demons dwell." her thus, as if summoning energy for a fatal stroke, he sent forth such a cry of agony as rang through the whole city. and served three years. Oh, there are To Sho Mai it sounded like the voice of lots of funny things happening in the a thousand demons hailing the new souls. She staggered, and the blade in | ished of hunger on the rocks had not a | girl looked at him and saw that the | by the corporations now in existence; the bared breast of the traitor. The I have hitherto told no one of the cargo the touch was light blood flowed in a as the place is almost inaccessible and in her ears. Her brain reeled, and, by no doubt that the gold which was in the the mercy of the gods, she fell to the

floor unconscious! How long she had lain thus she did not know, but when night came to her eyes she found herself alone, lying upon | Chief, evidently deeply interested. "If the tiles just as she had fallen. With a the vessel was cast into the cave her shudder she turned her head toward the cargo would not come out again, but awakened in her breast. His wretched suspended by the bands of steel, but the into its recesses. How long ago was she curtains had been drawn, and no sound wrecked?" came from behind them. She would have given much to lift that drapery and learn whether she had really taken | broken up and the gold she carried is a life, but her resolution failed her, and strewn about the cave ready to our With feeble steps she staggered toward | the thought. But suddenly his face the curtain, but as she placed her hand grew stern. "You know the conseupon it some force which she could not quences of deceiving us in this matter." trace drew it back suddenly, and she en-

tered, wondering. There she saw seated about the apart- ty of the ship that your life will pay the ment the members of the clan who had | forfeit?" assisted at her initiation. She was im- "I know it well," said Sho Mai, steadmediately conducted to a seat before a lily. "What I have told you is strictly raised dais, upon which was the man true. That the treasure is still there I who were the royal yellow robe and who can not say surely, but that such a ship seted as orator. An attendant brought | was cast away in that place you shall ner a glass of sweet wine, and when she have evidence to prove.'

had drank she felt refreshed. "It is considered by your brethren of Chief. "We will shape our course for mon? the Toyhai that you have earned your the mountains of Pen Loy." robe," said the orator. "Remembering, That night a great storm arose and

sail.

courage she said at length:

"Let me sail the sea under the banner of the great Kwan Dah.'

CHAPTER VII.

BACK TO THE PON LOY CAVE. Sho Mai was not deceived by the apparent cordiality of the reception ac orded her by the followers of Kwan Dah, nor could the splendor and the well-ordered magnificence of the city blind her eyes to the fact that the colony was simply a band of robbers and murderers. She knew that she was still as much a prisoner as when she had been onfined on board the pirate junk; that her every movement would be watched antil years of association with crimials and familiarity with atrocities had made it impossible for her to return to the abodes of honest men.

Her life had been spared and a certain rank had been bestowed upon her ecause the pirates had believed that they recognized in her that reckless daring which would make her a useful servant of the community. Stripped of all the imposing formalities and oaths of disgraceful brotherhood, her initiation meant no more than that she might fill the place of some veteran criminal who could then be promoted from the labors of actual rapine to the luxurious drone's life of the city.

But she was determined to escape, and she had already formed a plan which could be put in operation as soon as she was fairly embarked with the pirate the murders she must witness, and even to a certain degree participate in, if her ressel fell in with some unfortunate

On the day following her initiation she was told that the ship was ready to and, indeed, her safety from immediate erty in large tracts is equivalent to a sail. In company with that First Chief death might hang upon this issue. She monopoly. Many of them each own and said Jim. whose nod had saved her life, she passed had told him that she would go as a now have exclusive possession and enout through the mysterious underground guide, but he had not replied, and the joyment of over a million acres of land way, and in the flare of the torches she agony of suspense which she now suf- in one body. Go into the far West marveled at its wonderful windings and

faithful, is death."

these mysterious doorways, wondering reached the town of the sentries, and passed through it to the road which led rocks. them to their ship. A boat was in randiness, and in a few minutes Sho Mai nead floated the black flag of Kwan

saw the Chief standing apart from the

"Oh, Chief," said she, "is it the obor Kwan Dah? "Certainly," replied the Chief. "For

what other purpose should we sail?" "I meant to inquire if we had any de." nite destination," continued the girl, "or whether we wandered over the sea at random, hoping to fall in with a Han Chow ship.

"We make no port," returned the nary track of merchantvessels, and then when she had first been cast into this be controlled in all things by and for trust to the God of Fortune." "If it please you," said the girl, great-

treasure for little trouble or danger. all the Chief's authority to urge them our people of lands and they become ural advantages which private individ-"Say on, and if you give good counsel

"You must know, then," said Sho since from the city of Paoting in a ship which bore great treasure, stolen from a temple near the city. This vessel was downward. cast upon the great rocks of Pon Loy, which you doubtless know."

"I have seen them from the sea," re-

Mai. "In fact she was cast bodily into the cavern, and of all on board I alone escaped; and, indeed, I should have per-

borne away by a few bold men." "You have spoken well," said the

"About a year." "Then no doubt her hull is now he said. "You realize that if this story shall prove to be a plot against the safe-

"That is but reasonable," said the

as we do, that you are but a boy, and drove them before it, but as the sea was | SINGLE TAX DEPARTMENT. that you have succeeded where more than open before them the vessel rode safely, one man has failed, we are inclined to and the direction of the wind was such look leniently upon your weakness and that it hurried her in the course marked invest you with the black robe of a Toy- out for her. At noon on the following hai." Then without further formality day the clouds broke away, and such her robe of office was conferred upon her. had been the progress they had made "Hear the word of the mighty Kwan under the impulse of the tempest, that who is running as Democratic candidate Dah," said the orator, and at the name the cliffs of Pon Loy were already in for Governor, outlined his views on all heads were bowed. "The most high sight. The junk was run up as near as various public questions in a recent adruler grants the new Toyhai his choice, might be to the mouth of the cave into dress. He declared himself in favor of either to remain and serve the great which enormous waves, stirred up by State regulation of railways, and show- model of industry and frugality. Kwan Dah in his city or to sail under the the storm, were rushing with violence. ed the analogy of railways to toll roads, flag of the white crescent in the ship of | There, tossed up high at one side of the the First Chief, which shall presently entrance of the cave, could be seen the the roadbed and charges a sum fixed by occupation is not directly productive, A great hope swept through Sho Mai. Sho Mai's story was true removed any same. Once free of this island could she not suspicions that might have been aroused | Beginning with common earth roads, escape altogether from the sway of in his mind. He was now like an ani- graded and leveled, public highways and thus keeps the carpenters, tailors gether ignorant of wickedness .- Somer-Kwan Dah? The thought well-nigh be- mal in sight of its prey. His fingers changed not in principle, but in condireft her of speech, but gathering her seemed already to grasp the treasure of the wrecked ship.



SHE PUSHED HIM FROM THE BRINK. ave while the chief observed the contour of the rocks, seeking a suitable

place to land. At length his eyes found out an inlet, which, piercing the rocks they are operating in our State by a diagonally, was comparatively still. A kind of license and the law of comity to good crew might bring a boat ashore an alarming extent. They control and wealth because they earn it, and by thus safely, and in his eagerness the own about one-fourth of all the lands their industry and frugality deserve it?" crew. She shuddered at the thought of Chief resolved to try. He ordered a boat to be manned. While it was being lowered Sho Mai watched the sailors with her heart in evils of the English laws of primogeni-

her with him? Her chance of escape, rate estates. The control of the propfered was like to rend her slender frame through some of the richest counties of and the party disembarked upon the

To say what Sho Mai felt as she stood found herself standing on the deck of able by her first escape from the ocean's the swiftly-gliding junk, while over her perils, and hallowed by the Fords of of men who do not understand or respect others near the stern of the junk. She fest in the past; here the God of Love In this way the time is not far distant approached him with the customary had shown his face; and here at this in Texas, if this condition of affairs her seemed to echo from the rocks, and our people will be met in their councils ect of this voyage to procure treasure the sound was like the whisper: "Cour- by representatives of English aristocracy

the cave. She led them not by the serious importance and threatening most direct path, but chose a way which | danger to the welfare of ourselves and | led by the pool and the gorge, but did our posterity. This is a country, not of know?" ing this they were soon deep in the petuity created and run for serfs and Chief; "we put ourselves in the ordi- cave's shadows, and to them, as to her, slaves, but is one of freemen that should place, came the horrible voices of the them. As the title of land is concengiants mingled with the rush of the trated into the ownership of the tow, in dustry and frugality deserve it should y pleased at the replies she had re- waves. The sailors, though their hearts that proportion patriotism is destroyed. get a larger share than they do?" ceived, "I have something to suggest | were stout enough upon the sea, were | The greater the number of homes, the whereby we may perhaps secure great terrifled at these sounds, and it required larger the number of patriots. Deprive through the passages of the great cave own their homes. In time they grow you shall not fail of your reward at the beat down the flames of the torches so poor, diseased, degenerate and servile. never be."

The poor of the torches so poor, diseased, degenerate and servile. The poor of the torches so poor, diseased, degenerate and servile. The poor of the torches so poor of the torches so poor, diseased, degenerate and servile. The poor of the torches so poor of that they gave little light. At length | When that period is reached the under-Sho Mai led them to the terrace below lying principles of our Government will Mai, speaking as calmly as her eagerness | which the twin giants rolled in their | be only known by the blotched leaves of

brink, avarice for a moment beating elected your Governor, I shall favor and down their fears, but when in the gray insist upon the passage of laws that will plied the Chief, "and have heard of the gleam of the phosphorescence they saw great cave in which it is said that the dim shapes hurrying to and fro, they corporations and to limit the tenure of broke into a chorus of frightened cries. | title in those now owning lands within "It was to the door of that very cave and rushed wildly back toward the en this State. Within a limited period of that the ship of which I have spoken trance, flinging away their torches and years they can sell their lands, receive were in pursuit of them.

by the side of the fearful chasm. The with the subdivision and sale of lands her hand, without her volition, touched | chance shown me a way to the city. But | hand in which he held the torch trem- | nor | with the ownership of such real bled with fear, and in the flickering estate as is necessary for the purpose of steel was keen as a razor, and though which the wrecked vessel carried, and light his face was haggard and drawn other private corporations whose objects with fear, and as she gazed at him Sho are not the ownership of land. bright red stream. Sho Mai saw it, and | would in any case be seldom visited, | Mai thought of his cruel bravado in the a voice seemed to thunder "Murderess!" such is the terror it inspires, that I have presence of the helpless captives he had numbered; she remembered his vessel lies even now among the wreck- blood-thirstiness and his crimes; she reage in the cave and could be successfully called his wicked boasting and contrasted it with the cowardice which was now made manifest. And she loathed and hated this man with a detestation which no other human being had ever spot where a corpse should have hung | would be washed by the waves further | life alone now stood between her and

"Dost thou believe in the demons of the cave?" she said, recalling the cruel question which he had asked of those who were slain by his command on board the pirate junk. "Dost thou believe in she turned toward the second apartment. | hands," and the Chief's eyes sparkled at | the demons of this cave?" she repeated, bending toward him.

"Yes, yes," he faltered, while his knees knocked together. "Then go to them!" she shricked, and pushed him from the brink.

[TO BE CONTINUED.] Missed Both of Them. Mother-John, you went to church as

usual to-day? Son-Yes, mother. Mother-What was the text? Son-Well, er-you see I didn't get there in time to hear the text.

Mother-What was the gist of the ser-Son-I can't tell. You see, mother, I came out just before he got to the gist | Jim.

A LIBERAL TEXAN.

Attorney-General Hogg on Railroads and the Abuse of Land Monopoly. Attorney-General Hogg, of Texas, where a private corporation maintains broken mast. And this evidence that law to all persons traveling over the but as every man can not educate his Press.

tion and methods of use and enjoyment. adds to the national wealth." Passing through many transmutations, The wind was now gentle, though the from the plain dirt road to the gravel waves were yet violent, and the junk way, from the latter to the horse-car was able to stand off and on before the line, and from that to the steam rail- who are sober and frugal share in this way, the public highway developed, as | wealth that you say population gives to it is now, into the greatest civilizer the State?" known to civilization, indespensible to commerce and to the wants of the public, has never escaped the control of the share is much smaller than that which power that gave it life. So long as they | goes for interest and rent." were simply earth or turn-pike roads but little or no question was raised as and steel rails, ballasted with sea shells, | less wages." equipped with fine coaches propelled by steam engines and controlled by mag- to labor?" said Jim. nates, pools and combines they are defiant of law and revolt at control in all contrary, competition reduces the value respect. They are now called "private of labor." enterprises.'

Quite as striking was what Attorney-General Hogg said on the land question. He spoke thus:

"Perpetuities and monopolies are con-

trary to the genius of a free government and shall never be allowed." This provision was almost at corporate power in all respects, but especially at their ownership of lands. Under our present laws land corporations are not prohibited, nor are they expressly admitted; though within the State. When title vests in said Jim. them, as they live on forever, it becomes a perpetuity. In this way the

the Chief, turning to her, waved his controlled exclusively from settlement; a few people have obtained and which "This is the way of the forty-nine hand in token that she was to ac- their management committed to agents; entitles them to the value given by pop- time is made on the Lehigh Valley railagony upon a human face the girl curves," said the First Chief, who walked company him. In the sudden rush of their titles in aliens, English lords, syn- ulation." had never dreamed of. The eye-balls by her side. "You observe that at every joy her woman's nature had nearly condicates and corporations. The like has turn in the path a road opens which in- quered her, and for an instant she felt | never been known to any country that vites the feet, but to take any one of that she would faint and fall upon the guarded well its institutions with rethem, except that which is known to the deck; but the danger passed, and lifting spect to the rights, liberties and privi-And Sho Mai shuddered as she passed to the rail and descended into the wait- These large estates, controlled now for value." ing boat. The sailors pulled lustily, pastoral purposes, will soon be in dewhat horrible form of destruction lurked and the boat, passing safely over the mand for settlement. As time goes on, within their portals. At length they great swells, came into the little inlet. within a few years, as the demand for out a case for the followers of Henry homes becomes stronger, these princely George, whose works, by the way, I have estates will be cut up into small farms and rented or leased and operated by ries, population gives value to many once more upon this spot, made memor foreign peasantry, uncongenial to our things beside land." people and under the absolute control love which she had heard here, might the principles of our government. In be to read the whole lesson of the time they will become voters, and cast On the evening of this day Sho Mai human heart. Here the good argel of their ballots as free men according to me see. Here are the boys' hats, for her destiny had made his power mani- the will of their landlords and rulers. example. If a store-keeper had a lot moment the voice of one most dear to should be permitted to continue, when elected by their serfs and peons. Three men were left to guard the While we have the power in the legitiboat, and the others, with the Chief, mate exercise of our rights as citizens, followed Sho Mai toward the mouth of | it is well not to overlook matters of such

not permit of descent to them. Follow- landed monopolies and estates in per-All the sailors pressed forward to the rights and principles of justice, if I am | Standard. prohibit the further operation of land Culled From Father Huntington's Brookif they choose to hold estates in per-Sho Mai and the Chief were left alone | petuity. Such laws will not interfere

PERMANENT VALUE.

How Jim McPherson Puzzled the School-

James McPherson was a boy of some intelligence, with a father an ordent nize pretty clearly that our intellectual protectionist, and an uncle an uncom- and spiritual life depends upon our promising free trader of the Manchester | physical; that unless we have food to | Herald. school. Naturally, as Jim's father and | put into our stomachs, our thinking apuncle lived in the same house Jim got a pretty fair idea of the stock arguments that we shall not be able to indulge in on each side; but what he never could spiritual exercises unless we have somemake out was how labor benefitted by thing to keep the blood circulating in teresting curiosity, phenomenon or either policy. His father sternly main- our veins-unless we have our animal tained that in a protectionist country life protected and supported. there were better wages, while his uncle If people are deprived of fredom of to the depth of 45 feet a half century just as strongly maintained the same in access to this physical universe; if they ago, but no water accumulated. A flat regard to free trade countries. Now, are stinted in their supply of these ne- stone with a 14-inch hole was fitted Jim thought to himself, there can't be cessities for the body, then just so far over the mouth of the well, and a such a striking difference between them forth their lives are weakened, impair whistle fitted into it, which changed In any case, or there could not be any ed-the life of their bodies first, the its tone as the air was drawn down or necessity for such an endless amount of life of their minds and souls afterward up. In settled weather the whistle argument about the subject. At any -you will have, first of all, poverty, in was silent. An approaching storm was tunity occurred when that gentleman of the soul. master, "represents a clear gain to the is losing its freedom, because of a lack State or to the community as a whole, of of freedom in so many of those who make been worn out, but the weather still many pounds, and adds to its total up this nation. wealth.

"Who zets the wealth, sir?" asked

The schoolmaster looked with surprise at a boy who took an interest in econom-

ic questions which, as a general rule did not interest his pupils. "The wealth," said the schoolmaster, "is taken by those who earn it, and who by their industry and frugality deserve

"Have you much wealth?" said Jim, looking into the face of his master, who the whole neighborhood knew was ?

A troubled look passed over the face of the schoolmaster as he replied: "My own children, a schoolmaster by doing so leaves others more time to produce, and factory hands in production and ville Journal.

Jim didn't see that this was an answer to his question, so he tried again. "Do variety in goodness as in all things else. all carpenters, tailors and factory hands

"Yes," said the schoolmaster; "in degree, of course they do, but their "Why?" said Jim.

"Why?" said the schoolmaster, "why? to the right of the Government to con- Because population means more labortrol or regulate them, but since they ers, and more laborers mean more comhave become laid with post-oak sleepers | petition, and more competition means

"Then population does not give value "No," said the schoolmaster; "on the

"Yet it gives increased wealth to the community. Who gets the value population gives?" said Jim. "Those," said the schoolmaster, "who

possess certain advantages which labor Our constitution further provides that, must use to live, and for the use of which labor makes a large return." "Are there many people possessing

such advantages?" asked Jim. "No," replied the schoolmaster; "they are in one sense numerous, but compared to population as a whole they are few,

very few." "Are those few persons industrious, temperate and frugal? Do they take the

schoolmaster; "those few persons possessing certain advantages gain wealth merchantman before the day of her de- her throat. Would the chief make his ture and entailment so distasteful to by the possession of those advantages, investigations alone or would be take Americans will be surpassed by corpo- and may be neither industrious, frugal nor temperate."

"And they get the largest share?"

"Yes," said the schoolmaster.

"It does not seem fair," said Jim. "It is a state of things," said the schoolmaster, "that is not our place to at the black mouths of tunnels which in pieces. After what seemed an inter- our State and you will find great pas- grumble at; these advantages are natural were continually opening in her course | val of hours the boat was ready, and | tures and corporate estates wired in and | opportunities, principally land, which | 813 pounds.

value to labor it only gives value to miles. The average time of all mail land," said Jim, "because labor can not | trains is 40 miles an hour. do without it; and the man who owns up her head as if in triumph, she stepped leges of the free people that compose it. the land gets the greatest share of the | Dostal clerks is from Omaha to Ogden,

"If you could only prove that, my boy," said the schoolmaster, "you would make not read. Unfortunately for his theo-

"Permanent value?" said Jim. "Yes," said the schoolmaster.

"What things?" said Jim. "Well," said the schoolmaster, "let of hats, and population suddenly in-

creased, hats would become valuable." "That is not permanent value," said Jim, "but merely temporary. As population increased competition would increase, and wages go down, they would start making hats, and the value of hats would decrease; but the value of land would go up. Is there any thing besides land that population gives a permanent value to, that is what I want to

"Well," said the schoolmaster, "i may be so; we need not discuss it." "Don't you think," said Jim, "that, if land takes the greater part of the value population gives, those who by their in- each.

"That would mean," said the schoolmaster, "the handing over of those natforward. The wind drawing in gusts tenants subject to the will of those who uals now hold to the community for their general advancement, which can

"James," said the schoolmaster, severely, "things have come to a pretty history; and the thoughtless, indiffer- pass when a boy of your age can not and star-route service, and also compen-"The waves must have driven the ent people of to-day will be condemned take his teacher's word without asking sation for the use of postal-cars, was treasure there," said Sho Mai, pointing by the mourning millions who bear their why. We will go on with the next les- \$25,732,545,59. names. Cautiously observing vested son."-Peter Pickle, in Australian

WORDS OF WISDOM.

The freedom of the nation lies in the freedom of the individuals who compose it; and the freedom of the individuals was borne by the storm," continued Sho shricking as they fled that the demons their money for them and go elsewhere depends upon their exercise of their rights and duties. The church has sometimes seemed to

concern itself with a distant sphere, with a future life, with another world, but its first interest, its first work, is as to this world. The church fails of its purpose and its end when it merely diverts men's

thoughts from the present to the future. Christ came to teach men about present duties and present relations. We talk about the life of our bodies, the life of our minds, intellectual life, spiritual life: but I suppose we recog-

paratus is not going to last very long;

rate, he thought be would ask the school- the sense of poverty of the body; then heralded by the warning shriek of the master; and one day a favorable oppor- poverty of the mind, and then poverty | whistle as the air rushed out of the was instructing aim's class regarding the We see that just so far as life is diminvalue of population. "Every additional ished, cramped, so far liberty is destroy- into the well, and the faithful whistle head of population," said the school- ed, and therefore that the nation to-day

ly a kit-ten.

PITH AND POINT.

-It is the man who is too full for utterance who never knows when he's loaded.—Boston Post.

-There may be pleasures in being poor, but it takes a very rich man to see

them .- Atchison Globe. --He is possibly happy who feels he is always right, but his happiness is such as need not be coveted. -Repentance is often a matter of

circumstances; a bad liver is sometimes mistaken for remorse.-Philadelphia -No man is so good that he is willing people should believe that he is alto-

-When goodness is too obtrusive it is not seen at its best. There can be a

-The time for reasoning is before we have approached near enough to the forbidden fruit to look at and admire it. -N. Y. Ledger. -Investigate a man closely who talks a good deal about a lack of oppor-

tunity, and you will find a shoemaker who wants to become president of a -The principal point of good breed-

ing is to suit our behavior to three several degrees of men-our superiors, our equals and those below us. -Swift. -Nature loves truth so well that it hardly ever admits of flourishing. Con-

ceit is to nature what paint is to beauty -it is not only needless, but impairs what it would improve. -The censure of our fellow-men, which we are so prone to esteem a proof of our superior wisdom, is too often only

the evidence of the conceit that would magnify self, and of the malignity or envy that would detract from others .-T. Edwards. -A bad habit broken away from is a good day's work. The earlier a habit is formed the stronger the hold it has.

Private personal habits are more difficult to get rid of and have a more demoralizing effect than public ones.

-If you can not be happy one way, be in another, and this facility of disposition wants but little aid from philosophy, for health and good humor are almost the whole affair. Many run "It by no means follows," said the about after felicity, like an absentminded man hunting for his hat, while t is in his hand or on his head. -Sharp.

POSTAL STATISTICS.

Facts That Will Interest You Whether

You Expect a Letter or Not. The heaviest mail carried over any nail route in the United States is between New York and Philadelphia. The average daily weight of the mail carried over this route last year was 201,-

For trains carrying the mails the best road between Easton, Pa., and Metu-"Then if population does not give chen Station, N. J., distance 54.20

The longest continuous run made by a distance of 1,035.30 miles.

The greatest number of clerks on any railway post-office line is 351-on the New York and Chicago. There are 8,257 letter carriers, and they delivered last year 1,703,262,436

pieces of mail matter. Total number of clerks in the railway mail service is 5,448. The number of casualties last year was 193. There were ninety-eight clerks killed and

ninety-five seriously injured. The total number of pieces of matter sent to the dead-letter office was 6,479, -

The sale of postage stamps of all kinds amounted to \$52,921,784.17.

The weight of the mails dispatched to foreign countries was 4,111,852 pounds. Of this amount 3,151,565 was sent to transatlantic countries. Great Britain, leading the list, received 1,549,680; Germany comes next, having received 644,673 pounds, while France is third

with 239,469 to her credit. At the close of the last fiscal year there were 59,838 postmasters in the United States, whose compensation was \$13,168,990, an average salary of \$220

The number of clerks employed in postoffices was 7,809. They received for their services \$5,919,301, or an average of \$758 each. The number of clerks in the railway mail service was 5,640 who were paid an

aggregate sum of \$5,234,967, an average of \$928 each. The total sum paid by the Government for the transportation of the mails, including railroad, steamboat

The total sum paid for the transportation of foreign mails was \$521,338.03. The largest sum paid a single steamship line was \$188,633.19 to the North German Lloyd. The Cunard Line was

second, having received \$100,312.53. There were 13,324,240 pieces of matter sent in the registered mails, and 3,998 complaints were made of delinquencies in the service. Of this latter number 1,616 cases were reported as losses, but subsequently the letters or parcels were received by the persons addressed. In 1,099 cases it was ascertained that there was no just ground for complaint, the irregularity arising from improper address of the sender, from the failure of the sender to inclose the sum intended to have been remitted, and many other similar causes. There were 568 cases in which the investigation resulted in the restoration of the amount lost to the proper owners, making a total of 3,283 cases in which no loss was sustained, leaving 715 cases in which it was not possible to make recovery .- Boston

Great Valley's Whistling Well. In the town of Great Valley, in Cattacaugus County, N. Y., there is an infreak of nature, known locally as "the whistling well." The well was drilled well, but as clear weather approached the current of air changed and rushed changed and told the story by its changed tone. The whistle has long continues to advertise the weather. In

a heavy rainstorm the out-rushing -A cat has nine lives and occasional wind forces the rain upward some feet in the form of a spray. - Chicago Her-